Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 11 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 12 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Mar 2022 at 15:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for gales Friday and Sunday, and lighter winds Saturday, but low for details of rain. Moderate improving conditions from Monday, but low for Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 11 Mar 2022: Dry and bright in the north and northwest. Cloudy with rain at times in the south. Strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 11 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	10%	20%	10%	40%	40%	20%

Forecast for Friday 11 Mar 2022

Weather: Dry through the early hours with clear spells along the west coast, but cloud increasing further inland. Then bright or sunny spells along the west coast through the morning, cloudy further east. Some showery rain possible from mid-morning, but dry for most ranges. Thicker cloud and occasional rain in the afternoon, but Torridon northward likely to remain dry. A risk of severe gales across Skye and the northwest coast in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% near the west coast and the far north, 30-40% further east

Low cloud and visibility: Good outside of any low cloud. Variable cloud bases, frequently lowering to around 600m across southern and eastern ranges. Along northwest cloud well broken north of Skye with bases often above the summits, occasionally lowering to 700-800m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	40/48 S	42/50 SE	42/51 SE	38/48 SE	37/48 SE	34/45 SE	41/53 SE	41/53 SE	49/62 S
900	34/42 S	37/45 SE	37/46 SE	35/44 SE	34/45 SE	32/43 SE	38/50 SE	38/49 SE	46/60 S
600	21/29 S	21/29 SE	23/32 SE	22/32 SE	24/35 SE	23/34 SE	27/39 SE	27/39 SE	32/46 S
300	5/32 S	4/32 SE	5/33 SE	6/32 SE	9/35 SE	9/32 SE	10/37 SE	10/36 SE	15/46 S
Glen	13/32 SE	10/27 SE	12/30 SE	12/28 SE	15/33 SE	14/29 SE	17/36 SE	17/36 SE	21/41 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-1/-11	0/-8	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-7	2/-7	0/-9
900	-1/-10	-1/-9	1/-7	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4	2/-5	2/-5	1/-8
600	1/-5	2/-4	3/-3	4/-1	6/0	6/1	5/-1	5/-1	3/-3
300	3/1	3/1	4/3	7/5	8/6	8/6	7/4	7/4	6/2
Glen	6/2	6/3	7/4	9/6	11/8	11/8	10/6	10/6	8/4
Freezing Level*	600m	900m	1100m	1400m	1200m	1300m	1500m	1400m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong to gale force winds. Driest and brightest conditions along the northwest coast. Note severe Gales late evening.

Forecast for Saturday 12 Mar 2022
Weather: Mostly dry across the far north, sunny spells in the morning. Cloudier with a few showers, perhaps a spell of longer rain, in the afternoon. Cloudier further south, with showers, frequent near the west coast, falling as snow above 800m. All ranges dry in the evening, clear spells in the north.

Maximum wind: South 40 gusting 55 mph, easing from the south through the early hours, 15 gusting 25-30 mph from dawn. Southeast 25 gusting 35 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in the north, 30-40% in the south.

Low cloud and visibility: Good outside of low cloud. Frequent cloud in the south, bases often lowering to 600-700m, likely to be persistent over the Cuillin for much of the day. Cloud well broken across northern ranges with bases often above the summits, lowering to around 600m for a couple of hours in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m

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